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1. THE PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT
AND ITS PROGRAM IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE HELD THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 7. THE DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY PROGRAM
BEGAN FEBRUARY 4 AND IS EXPECTED TO END IN THE EARLY HOURS OF
FEBRUARY 6 WITH A SPEECH BY PRIMIN ECEVIT REPLYING TO
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CRITICISMS. ALL THE OPPOSITION PARTIES-JUSTICE (JL),

DEMOCRATIC (DP), AND REPUBLICA RELIANCE (RR)-HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL VOTE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT (ALTHOUGH THE REMOR IS THAT THEY WILL ASSURE LOW ATTENDANCE BY THEIR MEMBERS SO AS NOT TO ENDANGER THE GOVERNMENT'S CONFIRMATION).

2. FORMER PRIMIN DEMIREL, WHOSE JP IS NOW THE PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY, LED OFF THE DEBATE FEBRUARY 4 WITH A FOUR-HOUR SPEECH. HIS PRINCIPAL CRITICISM WAS THAT THE PROGRAM CONTAINS NO PROVISIONS FOR RESISTING "EXTREMISTS TRENDS". HE CHALLENGED ALSO THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSALS FOR A GENERAL AMNESTY, THE LEGALIZING OF SQUATTERS' LAND OCCUPATION, AND THE EMPHASIS ON COOPERATIVES. HE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH ECEVIT HAD EARLIER "EXPLOITED" THE SUBJECT OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, THE PROGRAM NEGLECTED IT. HE CHARGED GENERALLY THAT THE PROGRAM WAS TOO VAGUE, INDICATING PROBLEMS WITHOUT SPECIFYING SOLUTIONS.

3. PERHAPS UNFORTUNATELY, DEMIREL ALSO CHALLENGED THE GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY ITS STATEMENT ON POPPY GROWING: "WILL (THE GOVERNMENT) ALLOW POPPY-GROWING AS PROMISED BEFORE THE ELECTIONS OR NOT? THERE IS A NEED FOR A VERY SHORT AND CLEAR-CUT ANSWER, 'YES' OR 'NO'."

4. SPEAKING AFTER DEMIREL, DP SPOKESMAN KORKMAZCAN OBSERVED THAT THE PROGRAM REFLECTED THE PLATFORM OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP), AND THAT THE JUNIOR PARTNER, THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), HAD ADDED NOTHING. "THE NSP'S ONLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM WAS IN ASSURING THAT IT WOULD BE READ," HE SARCASTICALLY CHARGED.

5. RPP CHAIRMAN FEYZPYGLU DECLARED THAT HIS PARTY WOULD MAKE SURE THAT ECEVIT KEPT HIS ELECTION PROMISES TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT LOWERING PRICES.
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